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BOSCH, head of the terrorist group known as Accion Cubana, has claimed credit for recent package bombs sent to Cuban diplomatic establishments abroad, and is now a parole violator fugitive.

The DR is an action group, one of whose members, JUAN FELIPE DE LA CRUZ, was killed on a mission to bomb the Cuban Embassy in Paris, France, when a bomb blew up in his hands in August, 1974.

Previous investigation has disclosed that ALDO VERA SERAFIN, born 7/29/28, at Caibarien, Cuba, Alien Registration A 12403 951, is a former member of the DR. *Flora da* He has a long history of involvement in anti-Castro revolutionary activity. VERA resides at 528 Calle Arabia, Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico.

MM T-1 is MM 1337-S.

Source has been instructed to attempt to obtain more details concerning alleged involvement of M-7 in this bombing and information concerning membership and plans of M-7.

In referenced teletype to the Bureau from Miami dated 8/9/74, the following information was obtained:

On 8/9/74, MM 1337-S furnished following additional information:

Central Headquarters of M-7, terrorist group of Cuban exiles, is in San Juan, Puerto Rico, under the leadership of ALDO VERA SERAFIN, according to JOSE ANTONIO COLMENARES, who confided to MM 1337-S.

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COLMENARES said M-7 also dynamited Peruvian Consulate, San Juan, Puerto Rico, prior to bombing of Venezuelan Consulate.

MM 1337-S observed that VERA was in Miami about one month ago and was always accompanied by COLMENARES, whom source suspects is also member of M-7. San Juan is requested to exercise discretion in conducting any investigation based upon this information in order to protect MM 1337-S.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN M. WALSER and DIADER H. ROSARIO:

On 8/8/74, an attempt to locate ALDO VERA SERAFIN at his residence, Number 528 Arabia, Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico, was negative. A ten-to-twelve-year-old boy who identified himself as the son of ALDO VERA, disclosed his father had been in Miami on business for the past three or four days and would return Friday night, 8/9/74, at about 9:00 PM.

On 8/9/74, records of the local Immigration and Naturalization (INS) Office, Pan Am Building, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, were negative regarding ALDO VERA SERAFIN.

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By airtel dated 8/7/74, the San Juan Office submitted to the FBI Laboratory all evidence collected in this matter.

On dates indicated, the following sources were contacted and advised that they could provide no information relative to captioned matter:

| <u>Source</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
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| SJ 1442-PSI | 8/6/74 | SA DONALD W. MANNO |
| SJ 801-S | 8/13/74 | SA LEON E. FISH |

Cuba On 8/2/74, SJ 1348-S advised that he had learned from a friend who is closely associated with the family of PEDRO PEREZ-POLA, a white Cuban male, that CARLOS PEREZ-POLA and GUIDLERMO IGLESIAS-BOUZA may have been involved in the bombing of the Peruvian Consulate, Urbanization San Francisco, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, on July 26, 1974, and the bombing of the Cuban Consulate in Madrid, Spain, approximately eight months ago. The confidential source advised that the family of PEREZ-POLA have indicated that PEREZ-POLA receives suspicious type telephone calls in the late hours; that he was in Spain with IGLESIAS at the time of the Cuban Consulate bombing; that he has money which is not derived from his business at DAVID PABLO's Ornamental Shop, Central Avenue, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico; and that he came home on the early morning of 7/26/74, the morning of the bombing of the Peruvian Consulate, in a sweat and extremely nervous.

SJ 1348-S also advised that IGLESIAS informs everyone that he is employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is extremely anti-Communist and has in the past attempted to recruit Cuban businessmen in Puerto Rico to sponsor his activities.

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On August 15, 1974, SJ 1348-S advised he had learned through a friend who is in a position to obtain information regarding the family of CARLOS PEREZ-POLA, that PEREZ was in Spain when the Cuban Consulate was bombed, and PEREZ had told his family not to reveal the fact that he was in Spain at the time the incident occurred. Allegedly, upon his return he was infuriated at certain members of his family because they had revealed where he had been to other friends. Source also heard that PEREZ has a bodyguard named "ARMANDITO", not further identified.

PEREZ was described to Source as a nervous individual, who always feels that someone is "out to get him", and he has indicated that he would like to sell his business and leave Puerto Rico.

The person who furnished the information to Source indicated that he felt sure that PEREZ was involved in the recent bombings in San Juan of the Peruvian and Venezuelan Consulates, possibly hiring someone to do the actual bombing.

Source was advised that PEREZ is believed to be closely associated with GUILLERMO IGLESIAS BAUZA, who possibly resides in Miami, Florida, and that the two of them are members of some clandestine organization.

In view of above information obtained on August 15, 1974, will re-interview CARLOS PEREZ-POLA. It is to be noted that PEREZ-POLA during interview on August 14, 1974, stated that IGLESIAS is working for the CIA.

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On August 8, 1974, SJ 1438-PSI advised that he had not closely followed the activities of individuals who abandoned the Partido Revolucionario del Pueblo (Peoples Revolutionary Party) (PRP) but had heard that they had followed the lead of ENRIQUE NUNEZ ALVAREZ who was involved in a leadership capacity of Cuban exiles in San Juan, Puerto Rico, who favor a more active fight against the CASTRO regime through any means to bring about the downfall of CASTRO. PSI advised that CARLOS LOPEZ LAY, ex-PRP member, was an attorney at San Juan, Puerto Rico, whose business was located at Parque 407, Santurce, Puerto Rico, telephone number 725-5300, and whose residence was Garden Meadows B-9, Gardens Hills, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, telephone number 783-9054. He advised that LOPEZ LAY was a close friend of ENRIQUE NUNEZ and was an associate of NUNEZ with the newspaper "Replica" published at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Source doubted that LOPEZ LAY would discuss NUNEZ' activities with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Peoples Revolutionary Party

Source advised that GEORGE WILT, a former member of the PRP, had been a constant troublemaker in PRP, spreading numerous falsehoods about PRP and appeared to have been planted inside the PRP to attempt to disrupt the PRP functioning. As soon as ENRIQUE NUNEZ was kicked out of the PRP, GEORGE WILT abandoned the PRP following NUNEZ.

Puerto Rico

Individuals named by *(S)* SJ 1462 regarding individuals who abandoned the PRP were discussed with SJ 1438-PSI. SJ 1438-PSI could provide little additional information regarding the individuals but verified that the individuals named all possessed attitudes described as extreme activists regarding actions aimed at the overthrow of CASTRO. He could provide no specific information regarding bombings of consulates at San Juan, Puerto Rico, but felt through rumors he had heard

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On 8/8/74, SJ 1377-PCI, who resides on Calle Hipodromo, Stop 19, area of Santurce, Puerto Rico, advised that by chance she was sitting on her balcony, which faces Calle Hipodromo, at 3:00 AM, 8/6/74. At that time, she heard a single loud explosion from which direction she could not at that time discern. Thereafter, about fifteen minutes later, an automobile came down Calle Hipodromo and stopped at a building on the same side of the street as her residence and to the south of it. She advised this was remembered in that there was no traffic on the streets at this time. The car pulled up in front of the building, which she advised has a dress shop on the ground floor, and which is located between Avenida Fernandez Juncos and La Palma, and that the car remained parked for a period of about thirty minutes, after which two individuals, who appeared to be male, emerged and went inside the building. She pointed out that she subsequently associated the two events since almost all the inhabitants in that building are Cubans, and she has heard rumors that they are "trouble-makers". She felt that perhaps some relationship existed between the explosion and the arrival of the car shortly thereafter, and felt that perhaps inquiry at that address might be productive.

On 8/13/74, CARLOS GARCIA-PEREZ, 753 Hipodromo, Santurce, Puerto Rico (above-described address), owner, The Dress Shop (a factory and retail outlet) advised that he rents the first floor of this building and part of the second floor for his business, however, does not reside in same. He employs a tenant in his business, AMELA LEAL HERNANDEZ.

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SJ 1462-PSI was contacted on August 2, 6, 8 and 13, 1974, regarding organizations known as Accion Cubana (Cuban Action) (AC), Frente de Liberacion de Nacional Cubana (Cuban National Liberation Front) (FLNC) and Ejercito Latinamericano Anti-Communita (Latin American Anti-Communist Army) (ELAC). He provided the information which he felt may be pertinent to the above organizations and also possibly related to recent bombings of the Argentine, Peruvian and Venezuelan consulates in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (X)(u)

During June, 1974, an organization known as AC organized by ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA had advocated the internationalization of the fight against Cuba and had claimed credit for bombing numerous Cuban consulates and consulates of countries with political relations with Cuba.

During the same period a group known as FLNC became very active in the San Juan area painting slogans on walls around the city and advocating the overthrow of CASTRO through any means. The FLNC publicly claimed credit during July, 1974, through "Replica" newspaper, published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the following terrorist acts:

October 10, 1972, capture and destruction of two CASTRO boats

January 28, 1973, attack on a spy boat of the CASTRO regime

October 3, 1973, capture of two CASTRO regime boats with the destruction of one which was equipped with electronic espionage equipment

December 3, 1973, dynamite bomb attack against the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City

December 30, 1973, explosion of the boat Mareghant II

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reported to be armed nearly all of the time with a revolver. LEDO acts as a bodyguard for ENRIQUE NUNEZ. LEDO is the only member of FLNC that the source knows of who owns a mechanics repair shop and was a possible source of the nuts and bolts used in the bombs against the consulates in San Juan. PSI said this was only a suspicion of which he had no evidence. (S)(u)

PSI advised that ENRIQUE NUNEZ, MANUEL LEDO, ELVIO RIVERA LIMONTA and RAUL VARANDELA ESTEVES were all close associates and were seen together frequently. They had a gathering spot at the Farmacia Borinquen Towers where they normally spent a lot of time. He advised that the activities of FLNC and AC appear to be centered around the Puerto Nuevo area of San Juan. Regarding RAUL VARANDELA ESTEVES the source disclosed that he resided at 1511 Esperanza, Caparra Heights, Pueblo Viejo, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and had telephone number 782-7512. He advised that VARANDELA was a close associate of Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA and also was reportedly closely associated with FLNC and AC. He advised that VARANDELA spent large amounts of time in Miami, Florida, and was considered by some as a bodyguard for BOSCH. Source advised that VARANDELA has been reported to carry a weapon although the source has never personally seen one on VARANDELA. Source advised that most people spelled VARANDELA's name BARANDELA but that this was incorrect since the initial letter of his surname was "V". (S)(u)

PSI advised that he had personally recently written an article which was extremely critical of the President of Venezuela acting as a voice for the Club for Free Cuba which he explained was a club of 50 ex-Cuban newspapermen which had as its motto "For the Liberty of Cuba with Democracy Against Communism". PSI advised that this club limited its activities to written publications against the CASTRO regime. The article PSI wrote he explained was in no way a threat against Venezuela but was by way of open criticism of a regime which promised one thing to gain Cuban votes in Venezuela and then when elected went against campaign promises and established close ties with Cuba. PSI advised he had no direct knowledge (S)(u)

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On August 13, 1974, SJ 1462-PSI disclosed that ALDO VERA SERAFIN was a former head of the Department of Investigations of the Police of Cuba under the CASTRO Regime. He advised that VERA had been arrested while in the process of making bombs to use against the BATISTA Regime in Cuba and that upon the overthrow of BATISTA by CASTRO, VERA was released and placed as head of the Department of Investigations of the police. He advised that VERA had been residing in Miami until about two years ago, but had then moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he resided currently at Calle Arabia, Number 528. He was self-employed as a door-to-door salesman. Source did not know anything regarding VERA's current political activities.

On August 13, 1974, Mr. ARTURO VILLARBERGUES, who desired that his identity not be disclosed, provided the following information:

He is a member of the political council of the Partido Revolucionario de Pueblo (People's Revolutionary Party)(PRP), and was formerly a member of the Executive Committee of the PRP. He had made inquiries among his Cuban associates regarding recent bombings of consulates in San Juan and recalled that about ten days ago, a person he desired not to identify, had told him on an airplane flight that the Frente de Liberacion de Nacional Cubana (Cuban National Liberation Front)(FLNC) and Accion Cubana (Cuban Action)(AC) was composed of the same membership under two separate names. ENRIQUENUNEZ ALVAREZ was reported to be the local leader of both groups with the following individuals as supporters of NUNEZ in the groups:

CARLOS LOPEZ-LAY, an attorney who resided at San Juan, former member of the PRP, was very friendly with NUNEZ and had followed NUNEZ' lead in abandoning the PRP.

AGUSTIN BARRES, who had only attended one meeting of the PRP when it was organized in Costa Rica. BARRES attended the meeting at the invitation of NUNEZ and had not been associated with the PRP since the initial organization of the PRP.

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